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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	18395	Agenda Number	40.
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Meeting Date:	9/27/2012	Department:	Neighborhood and Community Development
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Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of a one-year contract with AUSTIN TENANT'S COUNCIL in an amount not to exceed \$288,729 to fund and administer the Tenants' Rights Assistance program for community education and information about tenant protection laws.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Neighborhood Housing and Community Development Office. Funding is contingent on the release of Fiscal Year 2013 federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Community Development Block Grant and the Sustainability Fund.

Fiscal Note

There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	September 22, 2011 – Council approved a one-year contract ending September 30, 2012.
For More Information:	Contact Elizabeth A. Spencer, Director, Neighborhood Housing and Community Development, 974-3182.
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

If approved, a 12-month contract with the Austin Tenants' Council (ATC) will be executed to provide the following services:

- Provide mediation and related services to assist at least 549 clients to resolve housing code issues with their landlords;
- Provide mediation services to at least 95 eligible clients in general housing matters;
- Conduct at least 15 workshops or public forums to provide education and information on tenant/landlord relationships, tenant's rights and the Fair Housing Act; and
- Investigate complaints of violations of the Fair Housing Act.

The contract term shall be from October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2013.

The Austin Tenants' Council (ATC) has been a resource for tenant-landlord information in the Central Texas area for more than 25 years. The ATC assists tenants in protecting their housing rights and educates the community on fair housing. The ATC's programs focus on housing discrimination; tenant-landlord education and information; and housing repair and rehabilitation.